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MEDIA ADVISORY

Local Officials to Encourage County Residents to Sign Up for Affordable Health Care

County Executive Chris Abele, Mayor Tom Barrett, health officials and community partners to highlight new health care options and local resources coming Oct. 1

MILWAUKEE - On Friday, Sept. 27, Mayor Tom Barrett, County Executive Chris Abele, and Kathleen Falk, Region V Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will encourage individuals to enroll in health plans as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Insurance Marketplace takes effect nationwide on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The Health Insurance Marketplace will make it easier for individuals across the state to compare qualified health plans, get answers to their health insurance questions, and find the best options that fit their individual and family needs before enrolling in coverage. In Milwaukee, residents will have a host of resources available to assist them in enrollment, from the national website www.healthcare.gov and phone line (800) 318-2596, to phone and in-person support through both County and City services.

Open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace runs from Oct. 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, with health insurance coverage starting as soon as Jan. 1, 2014.

WHAT: Health Insurance Marketplace Launch

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 27

WHERE: Northcott Neighborhood House

2460 N. 6th St., Milwaukee

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

SPEAKERS: Mayor Tom Barrett

County Executive Chris Abele

Kathleen Falk, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region V Director

Local health officials and community partners will also be available for interviews.

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